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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE TOWN OFFICERS OF
WILLIAMSBURG
MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31st

1953

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TOWN OFFICERS

Term
Expires

Selectmen :

Donald S. Outhuse, Chairman	1956
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr., Clerk	1955
George Vernon Warner	1954

Town Clerk :

Charles W. Wells	1954
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Town Treasurer :

Miss Anna E. Watson	1954
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Assessors :

Vernon P. West	1956
Philip Carnall	1954
Edwin Breckenridge, Chairman	1955

Tax Collector :

Barbara B. Swanda	1955
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Elector, Oliver Smith Will :

Richard F. Watling	1954
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School Committee :

Warren McAvoy, Chairman	1954
Eleanor Ballway	1956
Kenneth Sherk	1956
Norman Graves	1955
Robert Soderberg, resigned	1955
Ruth Emerick, to fill vacancy	1954

Constables :

Charles Cross	1954
Vardic Golash	1954

Board of Health:

George M. Child, Chairman	1954
Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1955
Mrs. Mary Nelson	1956
Dr. Joseph R. Hobbs	1955

Water Commissioners:

Howard Sanderson, Chairman	1955
Robert Purnell	1956
Edward Beattie, deceiver	1954
Robert Wells, to fill unexpired term	

Tree Warden:

Frank Vayda	1954
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Trustees of Haydenville Library:

Mrs. Lula Smith	1956
Miss Lora Phinney	1954
Mrs. Maude E. Sanderson	1955

Trust Fund Commissioners:

Arthur J. Polmatier	1955
Roswell S. Jorgenson	1954
Richard Graves	1956

Recreation Committee:

Kenneth Beals, Chairman	1955
Frank Paul	1954
Richard Graves	1956

Moderator:

John H. Breguet	1954
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Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen met and organized Feb. 23 as follows: Donald Outhuse, chairman; W. E. Kellogg Jr., clerk, chairman of Board of Welfare, and Veterans' Agent; and G. Vernon Warner, Superintendent of Roads.

Fifty-two regular meetings were held and 5 special meetings were held during the year.

There were 3 Special Town Meetings held during the year.

Chapter 90 construction was done on Mountain Street.

There was a Chapter 90 Special Grant for the purpose of resurfacing Route 143 (Chesterfield Road).

Chapter 81 construction was done on Nash Street.

At the last Annual Town Meeting, the Selectmen were authorized to hire a Town Secretary. Mrs. Vernon West was hired and served in this capacity until fall when she resigned and Mrs. Gabriel Mongeau was appointed to fill the vacancy. Because of the heating problem at the Town Hall, the Secretary's office was moved to the Fire House.

There was a serious infestation of Gypsy Moths in Town this year. Spray was used along the Highways. There are plans for arial spraying in cooperation with the County and State.

The sanding of the roads was let out to contract this year at a saving to the Town.

We recommend that the outside of the Town Hall be painted and the windows that were purchased last year should be installed.

We wish to thank the other town officers, committees, and townspeople for their cooperation and support during the past year.

DONALD S. OUTHUSE,

WALTER E. KELLOGG, Jr.

G. VERNON WARNER.

Articles from the Town Warrant

Article 1. To elect a Moderator for one year. To elect one Selectman for a term of three years, who shall be an Overseer of Public Welfare. To elect one Town Clerk, one Treasurer, two Constables, one Elector under the will of the late Oliver Smith, Esq., one Tree Warden, all for a term of one year. To elect two School Committeemen, one for three years and one for two years, one Trust Fund Commissioner, two Water Commissioners, one Library Trustee, one Assessor, one member of the Board of Health and one Recreation Commissioner, all for a term of three years.

Article 2. To choose all necessary minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses of the current year.

Article 5. To hear the report of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Assessors, School Committee, Water Commissioners, and other Committees and act thereon.

Article 6. To choose a committee to expend the income from the Whiting Street Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for construction and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00, the County and State's share of the expense and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of the Chapter, the Town's share to be raised by taxation and County and Town's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the County and State under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, for maintenance, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00, the County and State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement from the County and State under the provisions of this Chapter the Town's share to be raised by taxation and the County and State's share to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account and returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the County and State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cooperate with the State under the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,100.00, the Town's share of the expense, and to vote to appropriate the State's share of the expense, and in anticipation of reimbursement under this Chapter, such sums to be taken from the Surplus Revenue Account, the State's share to be returned to the Surplus Revenue Account when received from the State, or take any other action thereon.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided in Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$894.01 to be paid to the Treasurer-Custodian of the Hampshire County Retirement System to be credited to the funds thereof.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the balance of \$6,837.75 in the Road Machinery Earnings Account of 1952 to the Road Machinery Account of 1953.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1954 on the South Street Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1954,

on the additional Water Supply Loan, or take any other action thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$495.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest on the additional Water Supply Loan, which is due in 1954, or take any other action thereon.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the note which is due in 1954 on the Water extension to the Hampshire County Sanatorium or take any other action thereon.

Article 17. To see if the Town will transfer and appropriate the sum of \$192.50 from the Water Surplus Account to pay the interest which is due in 1954 on the Hampshire County Sanatorium Water Extension, or take any other action thereon.

Article 18. To see if the Town will authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to sell and dispose of the buildings formerly owned by Jakop Grzeszyk, located on the Southerly side of Pine Street in the Village of Haydenville, in such manner and for such price as they determine fitting and proper.

Article 19. To authorize the board of Assessors to hire Gordon W. Ainsworth, Registered Land Surveyor of Deerfield, Mass., to prepare tax maps as outlined in a proposal by Mr. Ainsworth on file with the board of Assessors, and to vote from available funds the sum of \$6,250.00 to pay the cost of above proposal or take any other action thereon.

Article 20. To authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of two to work with the board of Assessors to study methods of revaluation and to make recommendations as to best method in a report to the next annual meeting or take any other action thereon.

Article 21. To authorize the board of Assessors to purchase, for the use of the secretary, the following machines.

1 Monroe Calculating Machine	\$360.00
1 Burroughs Adding Machine	279.00
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Total	639.00

or take any other action thereon.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to accept and lay out as a Public Street that strip of land (50) feet in width and approximately 500 feet in length running Easterly from South Street and shown as a proposed street on a plan entitled: "Subdivision of land blonging to Ernest H. and Ruth T. Graves" dated July, 1952 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 41, Page 2; said street to be known as Eastern Avenue, or take other action thereon.

Article 23. The following addition to the By-Laws of the Town of Williamsburg has been proposed and will be voted upon the at the Annual Town Meeting, February 15, 1954:

"No person under the age of 17 years shall loiter on or about the public ways of the town after 10:00 p.m."

Article 24. The following amendment to By-Law No. 2 of the Town of Williamsburg has been proposed and will be voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting, February 15, 1954, which By-Law reads as follows: 'The annual town meeting shall be held on the third Monday in February of each year at such time and place as shall be stated in the warrant'; delete "third Monday" and substitute "second Saturday", so that the By-Law now reads:

"The annual town meeting shall be held on the second Saturday in February of each year at such time and place as shall be stated in the warrant".

Article 25. The following By-Laws have already been adopted by a 2/3 vote of the townspeople. Since these By-Laws were not submitted to the Attorney General within one year after adoption, it is necessary to resubmit them to be voted on again for the Attorney General's approval:

(A) "The polls at the annual town meeting shall be open for the election of town officers from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m."

(B) "Board of Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen, consisting of three members, shall be elected for a three-year term. However, at the annual meeting in 1948, one shall be elected for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and thereafter one shall be elected at each annual meeting for a term of three years."

(C) "Board of Health.

There shall be created in the Town, a Board of Health separate from the Board of Selectmen, consisting of three members, who shall be elected

at the annual Town Meeting, to serve for a term of three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified. However, at the annual Town Meeting in 1946, one shall be elected for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, and one for a term of three years, and thereafter one shall be elected at each annual Town Meeting for a term of three years. The members of the Board of Health shall receive such compensation for their services as the Town by vote shall determine."

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to have a committee of three, to be appointed by the Moderator to work with the Board of Health, to investigate a dump site, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for survey expenses if necessary or take any other action thereon.

Article 27. Section 1. To see if the Town will create a stabilization fund.

Section 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate to the stabilization fund created under Section 1 an amount of money equal to 5% of the amount raised in 1953 by taxation of real estate and tangible personal property.

Section 3. To see if the Town will appropriate and transfer from the present surplus account to the stabilization fund, created under Section 1 of this article, the sum of \$10,000. if such transfer is approved by the Emergency Finance Board, or take any other action thereunder.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Secretary to serve from

March 1, 1954 to February 28, 1955 who shall maintain an office, open to the public, in such place and during such hours as may be judged most convenient and practical; such Town Secretary to be available for a minimum of thirty-five hours per week throughout the year, except for such periods of vacation or leave as may be agreed upon; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,275.00 from which to pay this Secretary, maintenance costs for which shall be provided from the maintenance appropriations allotted to the various departments for which the Secretary acts: that the duties of such Secretary shall be those set by the Selectmen and the Chairmen of the departments of government for which service is performed, or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee to re-survey plans for the extension of water service and fire protection to Searsville, Village Hill and Mountain Street and to report details and costs of such an extension not later than the next annual Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the use of that committee, or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to Transfer from overlay surplus reserve the sum of \$4,000.00 to reserve account under jurisdiction of the Finance Committee to meet unexpected or emergency needs of the Town Departments, or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Tree Warden to cooperate with the State or County in the Gypsy Moth spraying pro-

gram and use part or all of the \$642.40 appropriated for gypsy moth work for this purpose.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for the purpose of erecting an addition to the engine house in Williamsburg and authorize the fire chief to enter into any contracts pertaining thereto or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,325.00 to help defray the expenses of a Public Health Nurse, or take any other action thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee consisting of seven members to study the building needs of the Haydenville and Williamsburg Fire Station, the committee consisting of one member of the Williamsburg Fire Department, one member of the Haydenville Fire Department, the other five members to be chosen from the list of registered voters, the committee to report to the Town at the next town meeting, or take any other action thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to transfer and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 from the water surplus account for the purpose of erecting a building at the well site to store water dept. equipment or take any other action thereon.

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Report of Finance Committee

"There is no adequate revenue with economy."

—Benjamin Franklin.

"It may be said that the people determine what taxes shall be imposed." —U. S. Treasury Department...

Your Finance Committee would refer you to the report of the Town Accountant wherein is listed those transfers made by the Finance Committee from the Reserve fund, for the year 1953, the purpose of which was to meet unforeseen and emergency needs of various departments, and to pay from last year's reserve appropriation overdrafts by various departments of government. Your Finance Committee would remind all departments that they are required to live within their appropriations as voted by Town meetings for the use of such department, and that each item voted is considered as a separate appropriation. This restriction is not applicable or binding upon a School Committee. This is State law and your Finance Committee and all other departments should obey it.

Your Finance Committee refers you also to the pages carrying Budget Requests and Recommendations for 1953 which are part of this report. It represents departmental budget requests, generally itemized, and recorded

here after study, discussion, with agreements and differences as between the Finance Committee and each department. Your action upon them in Town meeting establishes with each department an agreement to be discharged. It therefore controls the spending of your tax money and permits you the opportunity to exercise "economy" and "to determine what taxes shall be imposed." You, individually and together, make effective your Town administration, or reduce to futility the efforts of Departments, and of this Committee to operate, plan and control the direction of Town affairs.

Your Finance Committee is conscious of its lack of authority, but does not agree to the notion, sometimes expressed, that its effectiveness is little, and its actions futile. With a full sense of responsibility to our functions in government we inquire into and around all departments of government. With your interests as taxpayers, and with the progress of your community as a whole ever in mind, we seek to coordinate all the various requests and projects so that all functions of government shall be effective and progressive within the limits of that which we believe may be prudent and frugal.

Your Town has needs, vital needs, for Town business offices, for better sanitation, for extended water services, for improved protection of persons and property, for road and street improvements, and for better housekeeping, in addition to the improvements of educational facilities. It is our job and yours to see to it that we shall not so emphasize one that the others decay or deteriorate. We invite you to consider your Town needs carefully not only

at Town Meeting, but along with each alert committee or group that exists or is set up to promote a steady improvement for Williamsburg and Haydenville on every front. That requires judgment, comparison and sagacity, as well as enthusiasm.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. CRONE

MRS. CARL RUSTEMEYER

MRS. JOSEPH HOBBS

MRS. VIOLA FRASER

LEONARD WALPOLE

MARTIN DUNPHY

WINFIELD S. SMITH

LEWIS BLACK

ROY LEONARD

Budget Requests and Recommendations, 1954

	1953 Approp.	1953 Expended	1954 Request	1954 Recm.
Moderator				
Salary	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Finance				
Reserve	4,000.00	3,143.66	4,000.00	4,000.00
Maintenance	35.00	35.00	35.00	35.00
	<hr/> \$4,035.00	<hr/> \$3,178.66	<hr/> \$4,035.00	<hr/> \$4,035.00
Selectmen				
Salaries, chairman	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
member	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
member	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Maintenance	300.00	315.34	300.00	300.00
	<hr/> \$900.00	<hr/> \$915.34	<hr/> \$900.00	<hr/> \$900.00
Treasurer				
Salary	500.00	500.00	600.00	600.00
Maintenance	250.00	250.00	300.00	300.00
	<hr/> \$750.00	<hr/> \$750.00	<hr/> \$900.00	<hr/> \$900.00
Elector, Oliver Smith Will	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Accountant				
Salary	450.00	450.00	500.00	500.00
Maintenance	100.00	108.91	100.00	100.00
	<hr/> \$550.00	<hr/> \$558.91	<hr/> \$600.00	<hr/> \$600.00
Assessors				
Salaries	550.00	550.00	550.00	550.00
Clerk	150.00	150.00
Maintenance	250.00	268.36	250.00	250.00
	<hr/> \$950.00	<hr/> \$968.36	<hr/> \$800.00	<hr/> \$800.00

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Town Clerk

Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Maintenance	300.00	308.94	300.00	300.00
Elections and Registration	200.00	653.40	400.00	400.00
	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$1,162.34</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>

Tax Collector

Salary	400.00	400.00	600.00	500.00
Maintenance	400.00	475.00	475.00	475.00
	<u>\$800.00</u>	<u>\$875.00</u>	<u>\$1,075.00</u>	<u>\$975.00</u>

General Government

Town Hall	800.00	850.29	2,000.00	2,000.00
Town Sheds	200.00	161.00	150.00	150.00
Legal Consultation	150.00	250.00	250.00	250.00
Sealer, Weights and Measures	100.00	200.00	100.00	100.00
Gypsy Moth	642.00	16.62	642.40	642.40
Elm Trees	321.00	300.00	321.20	321.20
Tree Warden	800.00	860.15	800.00	800.00
Town Clocks	125.00	190.78	125.00	125.00
Town Reports	325.00	309.40	350.00	350.00
Memorial Day	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
Wood Lot	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
	<u>\$3,623.00</u>	<u>\$3,298.24</u>	<u>\$4,898.60</u>	<u>\$4,898.60</u>

Recreation Committee

Athletic Field	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Rec. and Equip.	200.00	194.77	200.00	200.00
	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$594.77</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>	<u>\$600.00</u>

Police

Salaries	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Special Police	75.00	75.00	150.00	150.00
Telephone and mileage	90.00	269.59	100.00	100.00
Auxiliary equipment	....	....	150.00	....
Patrolling	985.00	774.70	1,400.00	1,400.00
	<u>\$1,350.00</u>	<u>\$1,319.29</u>	<u>\$2,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,850.00</u>

Fire Department

Salaries, chief	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
deputy chief	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
40 firemen	80.00	42.00	80.00	80.00
Telephone and lights	....	....	350.00	350.00
Insurance	....	....	165.00	165.00
Labor at fires	....	....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Fuel	....	....	550.00	550.00
Equipment maintenance	4,000.00	4,636.06	505.00	505.00
Training	....	....	500.00	500.00
New equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00
Water holes	200.00	200.00
Rep. to Haydenville station	300.00	300.00
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	\$4,430.00	\$5,028.05	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00

Highways

Chapter 81	4,100.00	4,100.05	4,100.00	4,100.00
Gen. and Winter	8,050.00	8,050.00	9,000.00	9,000.00
Bridges	500.00	560.29	1,000.00	1,000.00
Sidewalks	100.00	67.35	....	....
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	750.00	750.07	1,000.00	1,000.00
Tools	200.00	184.10	200.00	200.00
Street Lights	2,500.00	2,739.00	3,100.00	3,100.00
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	\$18,700.00	\$18,950.86	\$20,900.00	\$20,900.00

Board of Health

Public Health (Sanatorium)	3,600.00	2,523.76	1,800.00	1,800.00
Barn and Animal Inspector	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00
Salary of Chairman	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Dairy Inspector	75.00	....	75.00	75.00
Slaughter Inspector	150.00	46.00	125.00	125.00
Haydenville Dump Rental	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Rubbish Collection	200.00	450.00	600.00	600.00
Well Child Clinic	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00
Town Dump	350.00	330.00	1,385.00	1,385.00
Public Health Adm.	40.00	80.00	165.00	165.00
Garbage	300.00	300.00	2,800.00	2,800.00
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	\$5,375.00	\$4,389.76	\$7,610.00	\$7,610.00

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Water Department

Salaries, caretaker and supply	200.00	200.00	100.00	100.00
Collector of water rents	200.00	200.00	150.00	150.00
Caretaker, water shed	75.00	75.00	100.00	100.00
Chlorinator caretaker	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Pipe Line Maintenance	2,931.00	2,471.16	3,000.00	3,000.00
Water Shed	500.00	608.90	500.00	500.00
Chlorinator Maintenance	500.00	351.35	700.00	700.00
Well Maint. and Pump costs	650.00	1,035.63	1,000.00	1,000.00
Administration	200.00	184.40	100.00	100.00
	<u>\$5,956.00</u>	<u>\$5,226.44</u>	<u>\$5,750.00</u>	<u>\$5,750.00</u>

Public Welfare

General Aid	1,500.00	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
Maintenance	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Old Age Assistance	27,000.00	27,000.00	24,000.00	24,000.00
Aid to Dep. Children	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00
Agent's salary	1,508.57	1,508.57	1,659.43	1,659.43
Aid to Totally Disabled	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
	<u>\$41,208.57</u>	<u>\$41,208.57</u>	<u>\$41,359.43</u>	<u>\$41,359.43</u>

Veterans' Service

Benefits	1,300.00	536.03	1,300.00	1,300.00
Salary	150.00	150.00	300.00	300.00
Maintenance	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00
	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$836.03</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>	<u>\$1,750.00</u>

Cemeteries

Mountain Street	75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00
Old Village Hill	50.00	...	75.00	75.00
	<u>\$125.00</u>	<u>\$75.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>

Library	400.00	398.94	400.00	400.00
Interest on Revenue	400.00	291.87	200.00	200.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,200.00	1,059.62	1,200.00	1,200.00
	<u>\$1,600.00</u>	<u>\$1,351.49</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>	<u>\$1,400.00</u>
	<u>\$93,687.57</u>	<u>\$90,921.05</u>	<u>\$101,563.03</u>	<u>\$100,313.03</u>

	1953 Budget	1953 Expended	1954 Budget	1954 Recom.
Teachers' Salaries	\$52,568.00	\$53,712.63	\$65,483.21	\$65,483.21
Janitors' Salaries and Serv.	4,380.00	4,837.94	5,200.00	5,200.00
Janitors' Supplies	500.00	860.52	900.00	900.00
Drawing Teacher	564.00	616.00	685.55	685.55
Music Teacher	1,036.00	1,033.44	1,142.22	1,142.22
Superintendent's Salary	2,750.00	2,724.96	2,700.00	2,700.00
Penmanship	480.00	480.00	480.00	480.00
Clerk	1,200.00	1,214.87	1,200.00	1,200.00
Union Expense	200.00	203.70	225.00	225.00
Nurse's Salary	600.00	600.00	660.00	660.00
Nurse's Travel Expense	25.00	25.16	25.00	25.00
Physicians' Salaries	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00
Transportation	6,575.00	6,372.24	6,670.00	6,670.00
Fuel	2,200.00	1,469.79	2,200.00	2,200.00
Repairs	383.00	778.22	3,100.00	3,100.00
Sundries	450.00	417.25	450.00	450.00
Books	1,100.00	1,656.04	1,500.00	1,500.00
Classroom Supplies	1,425.00	1,008.10	1,200.00	1,200.00
Office Supplies	150.00	331.85	250.00	250.00
Athletics and Trans.	1,167.50	884.29	1,112.65	1,112.65
Smith's School Tuition	4,350.00	4,232.43	4,375.00	4,375.00
Lights	850.00	748.93	850.00	850.00
New Equipment	....	82.39	2,170.00	2,170.00
Insurance	971.10	953.38	1,000.00	1,000.00
Committee's Salary	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Smith's School Transp.	1,100.00	1,065.75	1,250.00	1,250.00
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	\$85,774.60	\$87,059.88	\$105,618.65	\$105,618.65
Total	\$179,462.17	\$177,980.93	\$207,181.68	\$205,931.68

A five per cent reduction in the school budget is recommended by the finance committee.

Town Clerk's Report

DOGS

There were 282 dog licenses issued in 1953, as follows: 169 males, 23 females, 85 spayed and 5 kennels. The sum of \$616.60 has been paid to the Town Treasurer.

FISH AND GAME

There were 547 sporting licenses issued in 1953 for which the sum of \$1,714.00 was returned to the Division of Fisheries and Game.

BIRTHS

There were 39 births recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1953 which included two in 1952 on which records were not received until 1953. The listing also includes nine births in 1953 on which records were received in 1954.

1952

Dec. 14 Peter Noyes Waddell
28 Stephen Arthur Dufresne

1953

Jan. 7 Debra Marion Beebe
9 Joseph Chester Kulash
15 Roxanne Joy McCord
30 Harry Whiting Warner, III
31 Jane Marie Hathaway

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Feb.	2	Robert Alan Barnard
	10	Merry Elizabeth Frost
	14	Scott James Miller
Mar.	17	Nancy Jane Fuller
	23	Jaclyn Ann Sabo
Apr.	2	Amy Louise Edwards
	5	Margaret Mae Molloy
	10	Stanley Anthony Soltys, Jr.
	14	Robert Lewis Wells
	19	Maureen Theresa O'Brien
	22	Joy Elizabeth Nietzsche
	25	Marjorie Ann Perry
May	19	Thomas William Mosher
	23	Arnold James Amidon
June	4	Debrah Gail Billett
	16	Russell Earl Culver
	26	(No name) Lunsford
July	8	Alan Henry Everett
	11	Thomas Connell
	15	Samuel Robert Williston
	20	Dale Landon Beals
	23	Robert Hutton Christenson
Aug.	2	Kathleen Anne Williams
	6	Peter Chesson Hale
	15	John Edwin Clark
	15	Steven Ellis Clark
	28	(No name) Emerson
	28	David Frederick Shea
Sept.	3	Mary-Ann Michelle Reardon
	23	Patricia Gail Dostie
	24	Teresa Vayda
	29	James Jay Smith
Oct.	8	Mark Duane Harry
	16	Mark Kevin Wilson
	27	Jean Agnes Clark

- Nov. 7 Joan Ann Bohmer
15 Denise Morin
18 Mary Louise Newell
20 Maureen Moynahan
Dec. 12 Natalie Joyce West
23 Jo Ann Neill

MARRIAGES

There were 26 marriages of Williamsburg residents recorded in 1953, as follows:

1952

- June 28 Barbara Ann Ross, Haydenville, Mass.
Armand Ernest Daviau, Haydenville, Mass.
Dec. 30 Barbara Jean Outhuse, Williamsburg, Mass.
Harry Peter Baker, South Portland, Maine

1953

- Jan. 10 Edith L. Hawley, Amherst, Mass.
John A. Kolosewicz, Haydenville, Mass.
Apr. 4 Phyllis Mary Masloski, Williamsburg, Mass.
Frank Whiton Olin II, Windham, Conn.
7 Miriam (Waldron) Brainard, Mansfield, Ohio
Edward Lynn Smith, Tarrytown, N. Y.
May 1 Marilyn Fay Black, Williamsburg, Mass.
Percy F. Culver, Jr., Conway, Mass.
3 Ruth Ann Bray, South Hadley, Mass.
Allen C. Eastman, Williamsburg, Mass.
9 Barbara Ann Trumble, Conway, Mass.
Walter Robert Demerski, Haydenville, Mass.
23 Mae Louise Sanderson, Williamsburg, Mass.
John Anthony Favelcsyk, Haydenville, Mass.
June 7 Grace Ewing Sabin, Westfield, Mass.
Otis Charles Flint, Williamsburg, Mass.
15 Vivian M. Blanchette, Northampton, Mass.
Leroy J. Baldwin, Haydenville, Mass.

- 20 Blanche Louise Roberge, Williamsburg, Mass.
Armond LaCroix, Westfield, Mass.
- 21 Donna (Rice) Michel, Haydenville, Mass.
Herbert Roy Hunter, Haydenville, Mass.
- 27 M. Elaine Dickinson, Whately, Mass.
Russell M. Warner, Williamsburg, Mass.
- 27 Charlotte Jane Fry, Northampton, Mass.
Charles Dickinson Showalter, Williamsburg,
Mass.
- July 31 Shirley A. Ferreira, Haydenville, Mass.
Kenneth A. Roberge, Jr., Northampton, Mass.
- Aug. 8 Harriet Louise Kendall, Northampton, Mass.
Frederick George Oliver, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Oct. 10 Dorothy Ann Harrington, Leeds, Mass.
Donald William Morin, Haydenville, Mass.
- 14 Joyce M. Baldwin, Williamsburg, Mass.
Thomas J. Kennedy, Florence, Mass.
- 17 Joan Bachand, Haydenville, Mass.
Walter Kopka, Haydenville, Mass.
- 17 Barbara E. Nash, Williamsburg, Mass.
Morton G. Stowe, Northampton, Mass.
- 17 Stanislawa Gadzinska, Shelton, Conn.
Walenty Kulas, Haydenville, Mass.
- 19 Eleanor R. Gougeon, Florence, Mass.
Harvey E. Cranston, Jr., Williamsburg, Mass.
- 24 Mildred L. LaRochelle, Florence, Mass.
Roland T. Lemire, Williamsburg, Mass.
- Nov. 26 Loretta Jean LaCasse, Williamsburg, Mass.
Anthony Kolosewicz, Haydenville, Mass.
- Dec. 14 Barbara Louise Ferron, Williamsburg, Mass.
Frederick Merton Blondin, Florence, Mass.

DEATHS

There were 35 deaths recorded in the Town of Williamsburg in 1953, as follows:

Date	Name	Yr.	Mo.	Da.	Hr.
1952					
Dec. 7	Victor C. Bickford	78	8	12	
1953					
Jan. 9	Sarah (Harvey) Bates	86	4	19	
29	Hattie (Bush) Keyes	72	2	21	
Feb. 3	Edward J. Walpole	59	0	13	
5	Henry J. Guyette	75	9	2	
14	Frances (Greski) Kulash	81	5	0	
28	John Vayda	75	6	16	
Mar. 21	Ray N. Sornborger	65	10	12	
Apr. 3	John G. Krimmel	86	7	21	
3	Edward Beattie	56	2	21	
13	Bessie E. Briggs	70	9	0	
14	Alfred E. Nye	69	3	14	
15	Barbara Purnell	9	2	25	
28	Margaret (Kajder) Demerski	72	10	19	
May 6	Henry N. Brown	76	0	12	
14	Mary (Hart) Taylor	63	1	22	
19	Edna (Burroughs) Curtis	69	7	14	
29	Rilla (Sweeney) Craven	83	0	0	
June 3	Edith (Sharpe) O'Brien	59	8	10	
5	Charles S. Beebe	34	8	18	
9	Alice K. (Derricks) Roberts	84	6	6	
26	(Baby Boy) Lunsford				16
26	Emma (Stanton) Smith	76	4	26	
July 24	Edwin Gaul	47	0	0	
Aug. 13	George Hillenbrand	56	2	7	
27	Rose (St. Laurent) Lamagdelaine	79	10	19	
28	(Baby Boy) Emerson				

Sept. 2	Sereno S. Clark	73	0	6
4	Philip S. Eddy	57	11	11
11	Lottie (Crowell) Eno	72	9	24
24	Magdalena (Fischer) Nehring	92	6	8
28	Mary (Ciereski) Muraski	77	0	0
Oct. 6	Frank Dudinski	69	11	22
Nov. 22	(Baby Girl) Cone	0	0	1
Dec. 17	John Greski	73	0	0

Tax Collector's Report

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1952:

1946 Real Estate	\$9.20
1948 Poll Tax	2.00
Personal Property	.62
Real Estate	23.00
Excise	34.75
1949 Poll Tax	6.00
Real Estate	15.58
Excise	3.31
1950 Poll Tax	6.00
Personal Property	58.44
Real Estate	192.20
1951 Poll Tax	14.00
Personal Property	777.35
Real Estate	2,212.11
Excise	135.97
1952 Poll Tax	32.00
Personal Property	2,548.70
Real Estate	14,698.54
Excise	2,929.47

Total	\$23,760.62
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Commitments:

1953 Poll Tax	\$1,220.00
Personal Property	12,568.28
Real Estate	94,283.51
Excise	13,654.10

1952 Excise given in January
& March 1953

719.15

Total

\$122,445.04

Tax Titles:

1953

\$8.10

65.07

Total

\$73.17

Collected and Paid Treasurer:

(Including Interest)

1948 Personal Property

\$1.58

1949 Real Estate

19.25

1950 Personal Property

66.11

Real Estate

143.39

1951 Personal Property

801.88

Real Estate

2,175.37

Excise

101.11

1952 Poll Tax

21.58

Personal Property

1,669.34

Real Estate

8,545.39

Excise

2,291.05

1953 Poll Tax

1,151.21

Personal Property

9,376.46

Real Estate

77,062.58

Excise

11,243.21

Total

\$114,669.51

Outstanding Dec. 31, 1953:

1951 Excise—Herbert Baker

\$9.37

Real Estate—Fred B. Clark Corp.

14.10

1952 Personal Property

442.40

Real Estate

3,668.82

Excise—Joseph O. Roy	3.38	
Sarah Treacy	86.85	
Bernard Jablonski	67.55	
Floyd W. Nye	6.03	
1953 Poll Tax	10.00	
Personal Property	3,198.02	
Real Estate	14,507.75	
Excise	1,486.01	
Total		\$23,500.28
Abatements:		
1946 Real Estate	\$9.20	
1948 Poll Tax	2.00	
Real Estate	23.00	
Excise	34.75	
1949 Poll Tax	6.00	
Excise	3.31	
1950 Poll Tax	6.00	
1951 Poll Tax	14.00	
Excise	60.15	
1952 Poll Tax	12.00	
Excise	951.17	
1953 Poll Tax	140.00	
Real Estate	2,910.20	
Excise	987.23	
Total		\$5,159.01

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,

Tax Collector.

Treasurer's Report

Debits

Jan. 1, 1953, balance on hand	\$186,932.26	
Receipts for year	279,850.03	
	<hr/>	\$466,782.29

Credits

Payments for year	\$270,266.80	
Jan. 1, 1954, balance on hand	196,515.49	
	<hr/>	\$466,782.29

Respectfully submitted,

ANNA E. WATSON,
Treasurer.

Report of Town Accountant

RECEIPTS

Taxes 1948	\$.62	
Taxes 1949	15.58	
Taxes 1950	1,909.49	
Taxes 1951	3,143.02	
Taxes 1952	12,729.93	
Taxes 1953	82,015.30	
	<hr/>	\$99,813.94
Motor Excise 1951	\$71.52	
Motor Excise 1952	2,533.77	
Motor Excise 1953	10,751.46	
	<hr/>	\$13,356.75
Real Estate and Motor Excise		
Tax Interest		626.08
Tax Fees and Costs		247.85
Dog Licenses from Town Clerk	\$647.80	
Dog Licenses from County	438.38	
	<hr/>	\$1,086.18
Liquor Licenses	\$4,038.00	
Miscellaneous Licenses	98.33	
	<hr/>	\$4,136.33
Sale of Histories		10.00
Court Fines		78.40
Library Fines		25.84
Sealer of Weights and Measures		44.00
Wild Cat Bounty		10.00
Refunds and Cancelled Checks		45.53

Miscellaneous Sales:

Fire Equipment	\$1.00	
School Department	46.93	
Damage to School Building	35.00	
	<hr/>	\$82.93

Water Rents	\$8,027.18	
Water Miscellaneous	600.26	
Sale of Lumber	3,355.00	
	<hr/>	\$11,982.44

Highways:

Chapter 81 1952	\$1,452.25	
Chapter 81 1953	10,178.35	
Chapter 90 1953, State	5,750.00	
Chapter 90 1953, County	3,250.00	
	<hr/>	\$20,630.60

Town Road Equipment:

From State	\$30.00	
From Private Parties	58.25	
From Town	6,743.50	
	<hr/>	\$6,831.75

Live Stock Subsidy		20.00
Sanatorium Subsidy		641.43
Garbage and Rubbish		1,483.50

A. D. C., State	\$2,739.68	
A. D. C., Federal	4,013.92	
	<hr/>	\$6,753.60

A. D.C., Federal Adm.	\$73.91	
O. A. A., Federal Adm.	606.90	
Disability Aid, Federal Adm.	66.75	
Disability Aid, Adm. State	23.18	
	<hr/>	\$770.74

O. A. A., State	\$12,921.11	
O. A. A., Federal	13,161.76	
O. A. A., Other cities and towns	1,733.93	
O. A. A., Sarah Bates Estate	736.20	
	<hr/>	\$28,553.00
Disability Aid, State	\$1,191.70	
Disability Aid, Federal	1,560.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,751.70
Veterans' Aid		192.11
Post-War Rehabilitation		500.00
Withholding Tax		9,905.80
Blue Cross and Blue Shield		754.60
Retirement Fund		811.71
Loss of Taxes		105.88
Post-War School Repair Fund		9,760.00
Sanatorium Water Extension Loan		8,000.00
Interest on Loan		18.33
Sanatorium Water Extension from County		1,505.83
Income Tax		27,570.72
Meal Tax		849.11
Corporation Tax		6,245.47
Schools:		
Vocational Education	\$1,249.13	
Transportation, State	3,070.50	
Superintendent, State	1,799.21	
Temporary Aid	3.97	
Tuition from other Towns	3,007.40	
Boston Wards	106.95	
State Wards	702.20	
	<hr/>	\$9,939.36
Trust Funds		3,708.52
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		\$279,850.03
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1953		186,932.26
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		\$466,782.29

PAYMENTS

Moderator		\$25.00
Selectmen's Salaries	\$600.00	
Selectmen's Maintenance	315.34	
	<hr/>	\$915.34
Collector's Salary	\$400.00	
Collector's Maintenance	463.57	
	<hr/>	\$863.57
Assessors' Salaries	\$550.00	
Assessors' Maintenance	268.36	
	<hr/>	\$818.36
Executive Secretary's Salary	\$775.00	
Executive Secretary's Maint.	91.73	
	<hr/>	\$866.73
Accountant's Salary	\$450.00	
Accountant's Maintenance	108.91	
	<hr/>	\$558.91
Treasurer's Salary	\$500.00	
Treasurer's Maintenance	244.67	
	<hr/>	\$744.67
Town Clerk's Salary	\$200.00	
Town Clerk's Maintenance	308.94	
	<hr/>	\$508.94
Finance Clerk		\$35.00
Elector Oliver Smith Will		\$10.00
Consultation Fee		\$250.00
Election and Registration:		
Printing	\$41.00	
Ballot Clerks	152.00	
Loud Speaker System	195.00	

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Rent of Grange Hall	100.00	
Labor	40.40	
Registrars	125.00	
	<hr/>	\$653.40

Town Sheds:

Fuel		\$161.00
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Town Hall:

Telephone and Lights	\$164.44	
Fuel	117.00	
Janitor	341.65	
Insurance	227.20	
	<hr/>	\$850.29

Police Department:

Salaries	\$275.00	
Labor	774.70	
Equipment	46.31	
Court	97.45	
Telephone and Mileage	269.59	
Ambulance	15.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,478.05

Fire Department:

Salaries	\$392.00	
Labor	1,588.00	
Equipment	1,090.99	
Fuel	544.58	
Telephone and Lights	355.13	
Gas and Storage	231.14	
Miscellaneous	53.31	
Accident Insurance	88.50	
Building Insurance	57.40	
Equipment Insurance	17.00	
Water Holes	218.00	
	<hr/>	\$4,636.05

Water Holes 1951	\$41.00
Installing Rest Room in Engine House	\$298.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$200.00
Moth Work	\$16.62
Tree Warden	\$860.15
Elm Tree Disease	\$300.00

Public Health :

Salary	\$100.00	
Administration	70.66	
Sanatorium	2,523.76	
Animal Inspection	60.00	
Slaughter Inspection	46.00	
Town Dump	330.00	
Town Dump Rent	200.00	
Garbage	1,172.75	
Rubbish	450.00	
Nurse	1,325.00	
Diphtheria Clinic	100.00	
Well Child Clinic	261.91	
	<hr/>	\$6,640.08

Chapter 81 :

Labor	\$6,579.30	
Equipment	2,719.00	
Private Equipment	1,753.05	
Shovel	444.00	
Tar	1,927.65	
Salt	133.60	
Culverts	987.25	
Gravel	534.50	
Cement Mixer	296.70	
	<hr/>	\$15,375.05

Chapter 90 Construction:

Labor	\$1,870.55	
Equipment	776.25	
Private Equipment	4,700.87	
Gravel	1,108.46	
Lumber	98.35	
Tar	1,228.88	
Cement Mixer	216.66	
	<hr/>	\$10,000.02

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Labor	\$622.90	
Equipment	371.75	
Private Equipment	69.00	
Gravel	366.37	
Tar	820.00	
	<hr/>	\$2,250.02

Chapter 90 Chesterfield Road:

Labor	\$710.95	
Equipment	995.48	
Private Equipment	244.00	
Tar	1,449.60	
	<hr/>	\$3,400.03

Bridges:

Planks	137.73	
Labor	275.60	
Equipment	12.00	
Private Equipment	134.96	
	<hr/>	\$560.29

Winter Highways:

Labor	\$5,370.85	
Equipment	2,236.00	
Gravel	404.76	
Private Equipment	22.50	
Tar	15.86	
	<hr/>	\$8,049.97

Truck and Tractor:

Gas and Oil	\$1,969.71	
Repairs	2,352.55	
Insurance	139.84	
Liability Insurance	394.45	
Registration	15.00	
Hydraulic Pump	115.00	
Chain Links	308.80	
Steel	444.73	
Tires and Tubes	137.32	
Paint	11.13	
Labor	7.15	
	<hr/>	\$5,895.68

Street Markers:

Posts	\$120.10	
Labor	94.80	
Equipment	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$230.90

Street Lights \$2,739.97

Sidewalk Repair:

Cement	\$13.35	
Asphalt	54.00	
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Tool Account \$184.10

Town Aid \$1,839.73

Public Welfare Agent's Salary \$1,508.57

Public Welfare Agent's Administration \$200.00

Disability Aid Local \$1,528.90

Disability Aid Federal 1,979.03

\$3,507.93

A. D. C. Local \$4,286.41

A. D. C. Federal 4,372.05

\$8,658.46

O. A. A. Local	\$15,657.21	
O. A. A. Federal	16,315.40	
	<hr/>	\$31,972.61
Veterans' Benefit		\$538.06
Veterans' Agent's Salary		\$150.00
Veterans' Agent's Expenses		\$150.00

School Department:

School Dept. bill 1952	\$863.23
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School Department:

Teachers' Salaries	\$53,712.63
Janitors' Salaries & Services	4,837.94
Janitors' Supplies	860.52
Drawing Teacher	616.00
Music Teacher	1,033.44
Superintendent's Salary	2,724.96
Penmanship	480.00
Clerk	1,214.87
Union Expense	203.70
Nurse's Salary	600.00
Nurse's Travel	25.16
Physicians' Salaries	400.00
Transportation	6,372.24
Fuel	1,469.79
Repairs	778.22
Sundries	417.25
Books	1,656.04
Classroom Supplies	1,008.10
Office Supplies	331.85
Athletics	884.29
Tuition	4,232.43
Lights	748.93
New Equipment	82.39
Insurance	953.38

Smith School Transportation	1,065.75	
Committee's Salaries	350.00	
	<u> </u>	\$87,059.88

From Rehabilitation Fund:

Repairs	\$2,916.78	
New Equipment	2,550.05	
	<u> </u>	\$5,466.83

From Sanders Fund:

Janitors' Supplies	\$13.61	
Sundries	10.47	
Office Supplies	13.75	
Smith School Transportation	44.25	
Religious Education	45.00	
	<u> </u>	\$127.08

Loomis Fund:

New Equipment	\$215.41	
Sundries	6.50	
Repairs	7.00	
	<u> </u>	\$228.91

Hyde Fund:

Religious Education	\$45.00	
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Collins Fund:

Transportation	\$15.00	
Smith School Transportation	22.00	
Sundries	14.50	
	<u> </u>	\$51.50

School Rehabilitation Fund:

Repairs	\$2,916.78	
New Equipment	2,550.05	
	<u> </u>	\$5,466.83

Haydenville Library:

Fuel	\$20.25
Building Repairs	165.25
Janitor	18.00
Lights	9.81
Librarian	78.00
Insurance	13.00
Books	94.63

\$398.94

Recreation Commission:

Janitor	\$60.40
Band	35.00
Equipment	79.37
Hallowe'en Party	20.00

\$194.77

Athletic Field:

Lawn Mower	\$110.10
Labor	210.00
Loam	39.68
Gas	4.40
Fence	35.82

\$400.00

Water Department:

Salaries	\$375.00
Administration	209.07
Tar Mixture & Gravel	83.01
Truck, Crane & Shovel	215.00
Chlorinator Expense	108.74
Pump & Electricity for same	734.05
Fittings	527.64
Miscellaneous Supplies	251.58
Tools	209.23
Plywood	28.03
Wiring	67.13
Labor	2,276.62

\$5,085.10

Underground Water Supply :

Digging Well	\$2,578.00	
Wiring	559.80	
Land Damage Expenses	5,571.95	
	<hr/>	\$8,709.75

Sanatorium Water Extension :

Certification of Notes	\$41.75	
Pipe & Fittings	4,756.52	
Labor & Truck	1,679.10	
Shovel	1,175.25	
Tar Mixture & Lumber	454.96	
Gasoline & Acetylene	88.25	
	<hr/>	\$8,195.83

Mountain St. Cemetery	\$75.00
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Town Clocks

Insurance	\$19.75	
Repairs	70.00	
Lighting	21.03	
Labor	80.00	
	<hr/>	\$190.78

Memorial Day	150.00
Town Reports 1952	309.40
Wood Lot	8.70
Interest	291.87
Interest on Water Loan	540.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,059.62
Dog Taxes to County	608.20
Post War Rehabilitation	500.00
Retirement Fund (Town's Share)	468.01
Retirement Fund (Employee's Share)	788.41
Withholding Tax	9,718.50
Blue Cross & Blue Shield	754.60
State Park Tax	254.80

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State Audit	4.16
County Tax	8,575.54
Post War School Fund	
(In Haydenville Bank)	966.52
1953 Tax Refund	124.70
1952 Motor Excise Refund	336.23
1953 Motor Excise Refund	191.08
Tax Fees	350.35
Spelman Note	1,000.00
South St. Water Extension Note	500.00
New Water Supply Note	2,000.00

New School Committee Plans:

E. E. Anderson	\$460.00
P. B. Johnson	3,261.21
Gazette Printing Co.	190.00
Jesse A. G. Andre	496.55

\$4,407.76

Trust Funds	213.14
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Total Payments	\$270,266.80
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Balance on hand Jan 1, 1954	196,515.49
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\$466,782.29

HOWARD F. BAKER,

Town Accountant.

TRANSFERS 1953

Reserve Fund to:

Accountant's Maintenance	\$8.91
Selectmen's Maintenance	15.34
Assessors' Maintenance	18.36
Consultation	100.00
Clerk's Maintenance	8.94

Election and Registration	453.40
Town Hall	50.29
Police Maintenance	78.05
Fire Maintenance	244.05
Tree Warden	60.15
Chapter 81	.05
Bridges	60.29
Street Lights	239.97
Chapter 90	.07
Town Aid	339.73
School Department	1,285.28
Town Clocks	65.78
Public Health Adm.	40.00
Collector's Maintenance	75.00
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	\$3,143.66

ASSETS

Cash	\$196,515.49
Taxes 1950	\$54.84
Taxes 1951	20.10
Taxes 1952	4,469.85
Taxes 1953	25,323.73
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	\$29,868.52
Motor Excise 1951	\$18.74
Motor Excise 1952	1,325.86
Motor Excise 1953	3,093.72
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	\$4,438.32
Tax Titles	213.86
Tax Possessions	192.43
Water Rents	2,256.44
Water Miscellaneous	658.30
State Aid to Highways	4,496.65
Estimated Receipts	360.26
State Park Tax	82.37

Town Accountant

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County Tax	49.22
Departmental Revenue	4,035.65
Revenue 1953	2,350.15
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	\$245,517.69

LIABILITIES

Tax Fees	\$7.55
Dog Taxes	39.60
Tailings	54.33
Project 19P12	12.00
Tax Title Revenue	406.29
New School Plans	392.24
Water Surplus	8,677.34

Accounts Receivable:

A. D. C.	\$97.36	
O. A. A.	1,723.93	
Veterans' Benefit	54.08	
Disability Aid	6.78	
	<hr/>	\$1,882.15

Withholding Tax		989.30
Retirement Fund		103.25
Overlay 1950	1,103.94	
Overlay 1951	2,607.34	
Overlay 1952	2,604.75	
Overlay 1953	5,594.20	
Overlay Reserve	5,023.35	
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Motor Revenue	6,223.50
Water Revenue	2,833.24
Highway Revenue	4,496.65
Surplus and Deficiency	182,659.79
Truck and Tractor Earnings	6,837.75
Trust Funds	4,979.81

Town's Secretary's Salary	1,375.00
Town's Secretary's Maintenance	158.27
Fire House Repair	107.00
Moth Work	625.38
Dairy Inspection	150.00
Garbage Collection	227.25
Street Markers	41.77
Truck and Tractor Maintenance	430.24
Disability Aid Adm., Federal	107.85
A. D. C., Adm., Federal	134.09
O. A. A. Adm., Federal	1,131.37
A. D. C., Federal	53.55
Post War School Repair	3,326.65
Old Village Hill Cemetery	50.00
Water Maintenance	70.90
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	\$245,517.69

TRUST FUNDS

	Bal. '52	Rec'd. '53	Exp. '53	Bal. '53
Henry M. Hills	\$997.92	\$125.00	\$80.00	\$1,042.92
Collins	249.28	1,059.97	51.50	1,257.75
Whiting Street	222.12	146.32	....	368.44
Electa Waite	112.80	44.32	....	157.12
A. S. Hills	412.06	150.00	100.00	462.06
Athletic	264.10	501.50	....	765.60
Spelman	....	964.30	964.30	....
Mary Main	163.50	75.00	....	238.50
Byron Loomis	26.11	202.80	228.91	....
Ethel Curry	12.50	25.00	....	37.50
C. J. Hills	297.49	125.00	....	422.49
Lyman Waite	127.45	18.37	....	145.82
Cemetery	....	33.14	33.14	....
Sanders	87.74	162.70	127.08	23.36
Hyde	28.15	75.10	45.00	58.25

Assessors' Report

The Board of Assessors, when establishing the tax rate for 1953, have endeavored to reverse the trend of building up large cash surpluses by using all the estimated receipts which the laws allow. This has resulted in lowering the tax rate \$2.00 per thousand after an increase of \$12,471.25 in appropriation at the annual town meeting.

It is the hope of the board that by following this policy the taxpayers will not be required to pay taxes to build up a large cash balance.

During the year, a card system was established with one card for each parcel of property. These cards are being filed according to location when known. Many cards for land only remain unfiled as exact location is not known.

We the assessors earnestly request that favorable action be taken on the article to hire Gordon W. Ainsworth, Registered Land Surveyor, to make tax maps of the entire town. This will be a big step forward to establish basic records so that each year's tax list may be checked to insure that all property situated in the town is taxed.

The problem of revaluation has been discussed with various interested groups and further study is necessary before undertaking this work.

The method of computing the tax rate for the year 1953 is as follows:

Appropriations to be raised	\$178,899.18
Taken from available funds in 1953	38,123.33
Deficit—Year 1945	3.80
State Parks and Reservations	191.97
State Audit	41.26
County Tax	8,526.32
Overlay of Current Year	5,297.19
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Gross Amount to be raised	\$231,083.05

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds:

Income Tax	\$23,079.69
Corporation Taxes	6,360.47
Reimbursement of Publicly	
Owned Land	101.32
Old Age Tax	799.68
Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
Excise	14,000.00
Licenses	4,400.00
Fines	25.00
Protection of Persons and	
Property	50.00
Charities	4,500.00
Old Age Assistance	18,500.00
Veterans' Benefits	350.00
Schools	11,700.00
Interest on Taxes and	
Assessments	800.00
Spellman School Fund	1,000.00
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Total Estimated Receipts	\$85,666.16

Overestimate to be used as	
Available Funds	392.24
Amounts taken from Available Funds	38,123.33
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Total Estimated Receipts	
and Available Funds	\$124,181.73

Net Amount to be raised by
taxation on Polls and Property:

Polls, 600 @ \$2.00	\$1,200.00
Total Value Personal Property	
\$232,746.00 @ \$54.00 per M	12,568.28
Total Value Real Estate	
\$1,724,686.00 @ \$54.00 per M	93,133.04
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Total Taxes levied on Polls and Property	\$106,901.32

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. BRECKENRIDGE,

PHILIP CARNALL,

VERNON P. WEST,

Assessors.

Report of Water Commissioners

January 18, 1954

Last year, due to the dry weather conditions, we were forced to use our Additional Water Supply considerably. It was almost in constant use during the months of August and September, pumping a total of 10,688,700 gallons during this period. Had it not been for this additional supply, we would have had to pump from the Ashfield Stream for the reservoir would not have taken care of our water consumption. We pumped a total of 19,098,700 gallons from our well during the year, 1953.

Last November, our Land Damage Suit at the Sylvester Farm was settled in Superior Court. This Suit cost the Town of Williamsburg a total of \$4,801.53.

Our routine work was carried on as usual with ten curb boxes being replaced, five broken hydrants were repaired and three new water entrances were installed.

On the Water Shed our springs were cleaned out and the brush was cut as usual. We sold 200,004 feet of lumber to Joseph Rossi, Middletown Conn. for the sum of \$3,355.00. The lumber which is being selectively cut was marked by the State Department of Conservation.

We completed the laying of 1,650 feet of six inch cast iron pipe from Fort Hill in Haydenville to the boundaries of the Hampshire County Sanatorium. Two hydrants were placed on this line giving greater fire protection in that area, also two new water entrances were installed on this line.

Delinquent water accounts have been a serious problem to this department for many years. Last year water liens were placed on some property and in some extreme cases, water service was discontinued.

We feel the services of the Town Secretary has been most successful. She has been doing all the bookwork for this department and collecting the water rents at the Firehouse for the convenience of the townspeople. We hope her services will be provided for the coming year.

We were deeply regretful of the death of Mr. Edward Beattie. He had served this department for many years. Mr. Beattie's unexpired term was filled by Mr. Robert Wells.

Mr. Robert Purnell resigned from the board in September, 1953. His term was left unoccupied for the remaining year.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD R. SANDERSON, Chairman,

ROBERT WELLS

Report of Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

TREE WARDEN REPORT 1953

Labor & chainsaw & truck	
cutting & disposing of trees	\$382.50
Hampshire Tree & Landscaping Service	91.00
MacLeod Tree Service	192.00
Town truck & men	108.80
Town Trojan & man	27.60
Robert Mathers, chain saw	57.75
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	\$859.65

Number of trees cut 10

Storm damaged limbs and trees removed.

7 dead Elms and one dead Maple must be removed
this year. Dangerous

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT REPORT 1953

Spraying:

Hampshire Tree & Landscaping Service	\$195.00
Labor	16.62
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	\$211.62

FRANK VAYDA,
Tree Warden and Moth Supt.

Library Report

The Trustees of the Haydenville Library make the following report for 1953:

Number of books December 31, 1952	3189
Number added in 1953	74
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	3263
Number discarded in 1953	172
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Number on hand December 31, 1953	3091
Circulation	2758
Fines collected	\$12.06

We have been serviced by the Bookmobile out of Greenfield, which stops at our Library about once in six weeks, and the Librarian is privileged to select approximately 75 books at those times, some adult fiction, some non-fiction, and a great many childrens' books which are greatly enjoyed by our young readers and eagerly awaited.

The interior of the Library was completely redecorated during 1952, and this year the floor was sanded and refinished, the work being done by Richard and Rollo Purrington. This adds greatly to the appearance of the room. An oil burner for the furnace would correct the present heating difficulties and make the Library pleasanter for its patrons as well as for the Librarian.

The account of expenditures will be found in the Accountant's report.

Respectfully submitted,

LORA S. PHINNEY,

LULA B. SMITH,

MAUDE E. SANDERSON,

Trustees.

Report of Board of Health

The Board of Health submits the following report for the period from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953.

A Well Child Clinic in Williamsburg and Haydenville was held in each village school.

The Board has operated the Garbage Collection on a fee basis, as voted in the last annual Town Meeting. It is now recommended that it be put back on the old system. The Board feels the cost per contract for each individual would be too great due to the State Garbage cooking laws.

The Board has given out a large number of septic tank permits and hopes that the residents of our Town will continue to change to Septic Tanks and dry wells.

The Board has maintained careful inspections of our animals and slaughters, with the able work of our inspectors.

The eating and drinking establishments in the town were inspected four times during the last year by members of the Board of Health and the State Sanitary District Office.

The Board has eliminated a few of the private dumps and hopes that in the near future we will be able to do away with more of them.

The Board has closed the Chesterfield Road Dump this year for many reasons. The Dump would not last but another year, due to the fact that we were already dumping into the river, and filling the culvert under the road.

The Board has inserted an article in this years warrant concerning our Mountain Street Dump, and hopes that the people will cooperate in helping the board to take care of the situation.

The Board has spent a considerable amount of time on our dump situation, and has many more problems to be solved before our dumps can be operated at a minimum cost. A major problem is the people from out of town using our dumps.

The Board of Health reminds the community that all matters likely to cause disease and infection are of individual concern and public interest. Everyone has a stake in cleanliness and sanitation. It is good sense to meet standards and to ask for their enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. CHILDS, Chairman,

MARGARET NELSON,

DR. JOSEPH HOBBS.

Report of the Police Department

Streets patrolled week-ends and holidays.

Seventeen accidents were reported and inspected by Police.

Seven persons received injuries—one fatal.

Four licenses suspended by the Registrar on request of the Chief.

Several cars stopped and drivers warned.

Fifty-three summons served for outside departments.

One warrant served for outside departments.

Two cars reported stolen.

Two stolen cars located. One car stolen in Williamsburg and one car stolen in Greenfield.

Twenty-seven complaints taken before the District Court.

Drunkenness	5
Operating after revocation of license	1
Operating without license	1
Failing to keep to right	4
Speeding	5
Stop sign	2
Driving under influence	1
Following to close	1
Driving to endanger	1

Impeded operation	1
Evading taxi fare	1
Going away after doing property damage	2
Disturbing the peace	1
Vagrancy	1

Twenty-six pleaded or was found guilty—1 found not guilty. 27 Males—No females.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. CROSS,

Chief of Police.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Dear Sirs:

During 1953, this department adjusted and inspected 113 weights and measures.

Paid Town Treasurer in fees,	\$40.60
Paid Town Treasurer in fees outstanding, 1952	3.40
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	\$44.00

Appropriation \$100.00

Labor, transportation, etc. \$100.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK M. TAYLOR,

Sealer.

Report of the School Building Committee

At a special Town Meeting held on the evening of October 27, 1953 the town voted to raise an appropriation, the sum of \$360,000 to build a six room elementary school with a large gym and cafeteria.

On the evening of December 10, 1953 this Committee was given the power to build this school. This meeting also voted to name this school the Anne T. Dunphy School. At this same meeting it was voted to take the necessary land to place the school behind the Town Hall.

Three members of the Building Committee, the chairman of the Board of Selectmen Mr. Outhuse, and the Superintendent of Schools Mr. Merritt met with Mr. John Marshall in Boston on January 28, 1954. During this meeting Mr. Marshall approved the plans and stated that we should ask for bids as soon as possible. When the building is constructed to these plans, Williamsburg will be eligible for a state construction grant of \$178,000.

At 2:00 p. m. on the same day this group met with Mr. Dine and the Emergency Finance Board. After this meeting they assured us that our request for borrowing outside the town limit would be granted.

During the month of February, Mr. Paul B. Johnson the architect will have the plans and specifications ready for the contractors to bid on. The Committee hopes to have this project started during the month of April.

We wish to thank the townspeople for their loyal support and patience with this Committee.

NORMAN F. GRAVES, Chairman

MERTON BICKFORD

GEORGE CHILDS

DONALD FARNSWORTH

GEORGE FEIKER

ELMER NUTTING

ROLLO PURRINGTON

Civil Defense

Dr. John F. Winnie has volunteered to have the boy scouts help in Civil Defense when they are needed.

It is the opinion of the C. D. Director that the Town of Williamsburg thinks that all the State wants us to do is to organize for protection against bombing. Our industries aren't that important. Our main responsibility is to prepare to take care of the homeless and injured.

When the Town first appointed a Civil Defense Director, the Grange offered their Hall as an evacuation center so your Director is declaring both the Town and the Grange Hall evacuation Centers.

After talking with Dr. Hobbs concerning the usage of the Grange Hall as an emergency hospital to help relax the load of work that the Cooley Dickinson Hospital would have during wartime, it was decided that the Grange Hall would be appropriate for the job. Dr. Hobbs is willing to help along with these duties.

Your Director has talked to two of the local nurses concerning being supervisor and assistant supervisor of nurses and gave them some material concerning the organization of the program. They haven't, as yet, committed themselves as to their willingness to recruit, train and organize personnel for the Hospital branch of the evacuation center. If they do decide to help in this capacity, your Director hopes the Town will give them good response as they will need personnel to train to be nurse's aides, attendants and the like.

Respectively submitted,

DAVID F. ROSS,
Civil Defense Director.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

OF THE

TOWN OF WILLIAMSBURG

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

School Organization

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Warren E. McAvoy, Chairman, Te. 4663	1954
Kenneth W. Sherk, Secretary, Tel. 295	1956
Norman F. Graves, Tel. 248	1955
Mrs. Eleanor Ballway, Tel. 260	1956
Mrs. Ruth Emrick	1954

SUPERINTENDENT

Lucius A. Merritt	Tel. 229
Office, High School	Tel. 4421

SUPERVISOR OF ART

Raymond T. Drew, Haydenville

SUPERVISOR OF PENMANSHIP

Rinehart System directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Koss

SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

Olive A. Healy, West Chesterfield	Tel. 2355
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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Joseph Hobbs, Williamsburg	Tel. 266
Dr. Charles Wheeler, Haydenville	Tel. 260

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Barbara Swanda, Williamsburg	Tel. 572
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SUPERVISORS OF ATTENDANCE

H. Merrill Bisbee, Williamsburg	Tel. 4762
Charles Sabo, Williamsburg	Tel. 3581

MEETINGS OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Last Wednesday of each month

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

At call of Superintendent

HELEN E. JAMES SCHOOL

Tel. 4421

TEACHERS

	Tel.
Principal, Anne T. Dunphy: Latin, Civics Haydenville	4781
Peter P. Ball: Science 30 City View Ave., W. Springfield	4-3648
Robert M. Branch: Math., History 61 Meadow Street, Florence	105-J
Mrs. Frances M. Grinnell: Commercial 32 Conz Street, Northampton	1348
Mrs. Lula B. Smith: English Haydenville	282
Earl F. Tonet: History, French, Athletic Coach 29 Maple Street, Florence	3079-W
Principal, Edith D. Foster: Grade 7, Williamsburg	4211
Martha L. Dickerman: Grade 8, 106 Main St., Spencer	8391
Nelle A. Dolan: Grade 6, Haydenville	3693
Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge: Grade 5, Williamsburg	525
Mrs. Eleanor Soden: Grade 4, Williamsburg	3557
Mrs. Dorothy R. Colburn: Grade 3, Williamsburg	3891
Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom: Grade 2, Haydenville	4256
Mrs. Sophia D. Eaton: Grade 1, Williamsburg	537

HAYDENVILLE SCHOOL

Tel. 4912

TEACHERS

Principal, Margaret Trainor: Grades 7 and 8

Haydenville

Mrs. Marion Hickey: Grade 6, Haydenville 4301

Mrs. Priscilla Kostek: Grades 4 and 5, Haydenville 4733

Mrs. Ruth Nash: Grade 3, Williamsburg 3755

Mrs. Doris Tilley: Grade 2, Williamsburg 4485

Mary Crampton: Grade 1, Haydenville

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1954-1955

Wednesday, September 8, 1954	Schools open
Tuesday, October 12, 1954	Columbus Day
All schools closed	
Friday, October 15, 1954	Franklin County
Teachers' Conference Schools closed.	
Thursday, November 11, 1954	Armistice Day
Schools closed.	
Wednesday, November 24, 1954	Thanksgiving recess
Schools close at regular time.	
Monday, November 29, 1954	Schools open
Friday, December 17, 1954	Christmas vacation
Schools close at regular time	
Monday, January 3, 1955	Schools open
Friday, February 18, 1955	Winter vacation
Schools close at regular time	
Monday, February 28, 1955	Schools open
Friday, April 8, 1955	Good Friday
Schools closed	
Friday, April 15, 1955	Spring vacation
Schools close at regular time	
Monday, April 25, 1955	Schools open
Monday, May 31, 1955	Memorial Day
Schools closed	
Friday, June.10, 1955	
Elementary schools close for summer	
Thursday, June 16, 1955	High School graduation
Friday, June 17, 1955	High School closes

SCHOOL CENSUS — OCTOBER 1, 1953

			16 yrs. or over	
Williamsburg	5-7	7-16		
Boys	18	95	13	
Girls	14	93	15	
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Total	32	188	28	248
Haydenville				
Boys	16	86	10	
Girls	13	80	5	
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Total	29	166	15	210
Combined Total	61	354	43	458

WILLIAMSBURG PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Salary Schedule

Year	No Degree	Bachelor's Degree	Masters Degree	Incre- ments
1.	\$2500	\$2700	\$2900	....
2.	2800	3000	3200	\$300
3.	3100	3300	3500	300
4.	3300	3500	3700	200
5.	3500	3700	3900	200
6.	3700	3900	4100	200
7.	3850	4050	4250	150
8.	4000	4200	4400	150
9.	4150	4350	4550	150
10.	4300	4500	4700	150

1. Teachers must obtain two professional credit hours approved by the Superintendent of Schools every two years for which \$40 will be given each year until a maximum of \$200 is earned.

2. After that, professional study must be made every three years of two credit hours to hold the maximum bonus of \$200 for professional credit.
3. Ten years' experience will give credit for a Bachelor's degree on this schedule.
4. This schedule is to become effective September 1, 1954

It was voted to accomplish all adjustments in the salary schedule within the next three years.

Adopted by the
Williamsburg School Committee
December 2, 1953

NET EXPENDITURES FOR SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS

YEAR 1953

Total Expenditures for Support from All Sources	\$92,889.20
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Income on Account of Schools:

1. General School Fund	\$21,919.53	
2. Transportation Reimbursement, Chapter 679	3,070.50	
3. Smith's School Reimbursement (Include industrial training, etc.)	1,249.13	
4. High School Tuition, Chesterfield, Goshen, Conway	3,007.40	
5. Superintendent's Reimbursement	1,799.21	
6. State Wards' Tuition and Transportation	702.20	
7. Boston Wards' Tuition and Transportation	106.95	
8. Cash Sent to Treasurer	46.93	
9. Collins School Fund	1,059.97	
10. Ethel Curry Fund	25.00	
11. Spelman School Fund	964.30	
12. Sanders School Fund	162.70	
13. Hyde School Fund	75.10	
14. Helen E. James School Fund		
15. Byron Loomis School Fund	202.80	
Total Income		\$34,391.72

Net Expenditures from Local Taxation	\$58,497.48
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Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Williamsburg:

Greetings:

Herewith is submitted our report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

This report supplements other school reports which we urge you to read and study.

Our School Union represented by the Towns of Worthington, Chesterfield and Williamsburg voted to invite the Towns of Westhampton and Southampton to join us thus forming a five (5) town union which we feel is sound economically and educationally. This action was approved by the State Board of Education and we look forward to our first annual meeting for the review of the accomplishments of the year and the methods of operating the various school systems.

Your Committee has come to the end of its first year as a five-member board necessitated by the acute and intricate problems which face the people of this era as evidenced by our attendance at twenty-nine (29) regular and special meetings. Mr. Robert C. Soderberg and Mr. Kenneth W. Sherk were elected to enlarge the Committee. Mr. Soderberg purchased a home closer to his employment and by virtue of leaving town a vacancy was created in the Committee.

Your Committee, pursuant to the General Laws, met with the Board of Selectmen to fill this vacancy and Mrs.

Ruth B. Emrick was elected as a member of the School Committee until the next annual Town Meeting.

During the summer Mrs. Emrick was taken ill and has been able to meet with the Committee but twice since the schools opened this fall. It is most unfortunate for her and for the Town that she fell ill as her keen interest contributed to our maintaining a constructive and sound system.

Due to requests for more classroom space, we partitioned the auditorium of the Helen E. James School building making two new rooms. This action was sanctioned by the vote of the Town and by Mr. James J. Lane, State Building Inspector. We are fortunate that the Department of Public Safety allows such latitude and enters such a welcome spirit of cooperation which allows us to use so completely the whole of our building. A letter from Mr. Lane concerning the school building was received as follows:

1. Please be advised that room in the basement providing for use as classrooms will not be certified.

2. Your attention is respectfully called to the two rooms in the basement used as classrooms. These rooms were certified a number of years ago with the understanding that it would be temporary and provisions would be made for those additional pupils. It is my opinion that a reasonable time has elapsed for this provision.

Signed * State Building Inspector, James J. Lane.

We are gratefully indebted to the Five-Man Rehabilitation Fund Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. William B. Culver. They have been most understanding of the needs of the schools in Williamsburg and Haydenville and without them and their resources we would have had to appear before the Town in a special

meeting for funds to carry out our 'emergency endeavors'; new classrooms and fixtures, furniture, repairs and new equipment.

We wish to publicly thank our Superintendent, Mr. L. A. Merritt for his patient understanding and timely guidance; and to the Faculty, whose conscientious and diligent work, and patience under crowded conditions cause a reflection of success to honor our school system; and to the janitors for their splendid cooperation and foresight in the maintenance of the buildings and grounds in a very economical manner.

The success of the work of the School Committee in promoting and furthering a well-rounded educational system in Haydenville and Williamsburg schools is due first hand to the cooperation and support of you, the citizens, of the respective communities and you are to be commended for your interest.

STUDY THE REPORTS OF THE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT. LOOK WELL TO THE FUTURE.

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN E. McAVOY, Chairman

Names	Net Paid	Withholding			Expended
		Retirement	Tax	Blue Cross	
Anne T. Dunphy	\$2,823.16	\$181.68	\$592.00	\$36.60	\$3,633.44
Robert M. Branch	2,775.90	154.34	84.20	72.60	3,087.04
Nancy J. Carson	1,260.00	80.00	233.60	26.40	1,600.00
Lula B. Smith	799.70	50.00	201.60	20.70	1,072.00
Kenneth A. Wheeler	1,361.12	86.64	259.20	26.40	1,733.36
Peter P. Ball, Jr.	668.56	41.68	123.30		833.44
Earl F. Tonet	2,780.05	176.25	569.00		3,525.30
Frances Grinnell	2,461.12	146.64	325.60		2,933.36
Martha L. Dickerman	2,333.39	148.51	457.70	30.60	2,970.20
Edith D. Foster	2,622.11	153.51	210.50	84.00	3,070.12
Nelle A. Dolan	2,552.84	147.89	227.10	30.60	2,958.43
Dorothy R. Colburn	2,225.96	141.68	435.20	30.60	2,833.44
Margaret Breckenridge	2,163.35	135.15	404.90		2,703.40
Sophia D. Eaton	2,225.96	141.68	435.20	30.60	2,833.44
Eleanor Soden	164.15	10.95	43.80		218.90
Priscilla Kostek	2,055.96	128.36	382.40		2,566.72
Margaret E. Trainor	2,513.00	152.32	344.80	36.60	3,046.72
Marion C. Hickey	2,122.16	141.68	569.60		2,833.44
Ruth Nash	1,921.56	128.36	516.80		2,566.72

Mary E. Crampton	2,357.96	141.68	303.20	30.60	2,833.44
Doris Tilley	1,842.76	128.36	516.80	78.80	2,566.72
Gertrude Ranstrom	674.20	45.00	180.00		900.00
Substitutes:					
Mrs. Hazel Warner	144.00				144.00
Mrs. Evelyn Kmit	99.00				99.00
L. R. McKusick	9.00				9.00
	42,956.97	2,662.36	7,417.20	535.10	53,571.63
Handicapped children					
Mrs. Jean J. Snow	100.50				100.00
Ann Bassett	40.50				40.50
Teachers' Salaries	\$43,097.97	\$2,662.36	\$7,417.20	\$535.10	\$53,712.63
Superintendent					
L. A. Merritt	2,056.58	159.18	399.40	109.80	2,724.96
Janitors					
H. M. Bisbee	2,371.40			82.80	2,454.20
Charles Sabo	2,016.20		151.60		2,167.80
David A. Nuttelman	15.45				15.45

Rolfe Bryant	2.25				2.25
James A. Evans, Jr.	5.25				5.25
Frank Vayda	5.00				5.00
R. Bisbee	58.45				58.45
David Smith	3.60				3.60
M. Bisbee	15.04				15.04
H. M. Bisbee, Jr.	5.00				5.00
Robert Weeks	40.00				40.00
Twin Cedar Nursery	48.00				48.00
Ronald Packard	4.40				4.40
Robert Weeks	13.50				13.50
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	\$4,603.54		\$151.60	\$82.80	\$4,837.94
Drawing Teacher					
Raymond T. Drew	518.80	30.80	66.40		616.00
Music Teacher					
Olive A. Healy	883.96	51.68	67.20	30.60	1,033.44
Penmanship					
Rinehardt Handwriting System	480.00				480.00

Clerk

Helen Baldwin	617.40	62.60	680.00
Mrs. Edith Bowie	30.00		30.00
Mrs. John Brinn	345.50		345.50
Frances Grinnell	108.37		108.37
Mary J. Curtiss	51.00		51.00
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	\$1,152.27	62.60	\$1,214.87

Nurse

Mrs. Barbara W. Swanda	478.00	122.00	600.00
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Committee's Salary

Norman F. Graves	50.00		50.00
Robert C. Soderberg	12.50		12.50
Mrs. Ruth Emrick	37.50		37.50
Eleanor W. Ballway	50.00		50.00
Kenneth W. Sherk	50.00		50.00
Warren E. McAvoy	120.00	30.00	150.00
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	\$320.00	30.00	350.00
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	\$53,591.12	\$8,316.40	\$65,569.84
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	\$2,904.02	\$758.30	

School Committee

Janitors' Supplies:

Leon A. Tiley	\$7.53	
Acme Chemical Company	185.34	
Foster Farrar Company	62.40	
Arthur M. Condon	222.50	
R. F. Burke	46.17	
Parsons Electric Company	2.42	
Thacker Craig Paper Company	211.40	
Reardon Brothers	56.14	
Bisbee Brothers	6.05	
F. N. Graves & Son Inc.	10.60	
J. I. Holcomb Company	21.30	
Alpha Chemical Company	26.45	
Federal Supply Company	2.22	
	<hr/>	\$860.52

Union Expenses:

L. A. Merritt	\$203.70	
	<hr/>	\$203.70

Nurse's Travel Expense:

Mrs. Barbara W. Swanda	\$25.16	
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Physician's Salaries:

J. R. Hobbs, M. D.	\$250.00	
Charles H. Wheeler, M. D.	150.00	
	<hr/>	\$400.00

Transportation:

F. N. Graves & Son, Inc.	\$4,150.00	
Henry H. Snyder Inc.	1,294.24	
Mrs. Barbara C. Smart	650.00	
Frank Vayda	173.00	
Harold Mollison	61.75	
Mrs. Olive Gagnon	34.25	
H. Merrill Bisbee (Music Festival Driver)	9.00	
	<hr/>	\$6,372.24

Fuel:

Williamsburg Fuel Company	\$1,461.79	
Fred G. Dewey	8.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,469.79

Repairs:

Cinema Centre	\$4.59	
Arthur M. Condon	259.42	
Movie Center	15.70	
Bisbee Brothers	45.49	
F. N. Graves & Son Inc.	34.70	
Foster Farrar Company	4.21	
O. I. Hayes	6.00	
B. E. Crowley	33.44	
J. L. Hammett Company	10.75	
F. C. Taplan Company	30.40	
Everon P. Pollen	17.90	
Northampton Commercial College	55.25	
H. B. Smith Company	8.18	
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company	42.35	
H. J. Croteau Hardware Company	1.68	
Margaret Trainor	34.00	
Karl's	41.10	
Frank Vayda	5.00	
LaFleur Brothers	105.79	
Ditto Inc.	13.56	
A. H. Luce	4.11	
Parsons Electric Company	4.60	
	<hr/>	\$778.22

Sundries:

Town of Williamsburg	\$80.00
P. F. Corbin Division	7.54
Chuck's Radio Shop	15.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Company	247.23
Frank Smith	8.30
Henry H. Snyder Inc.	1.00

Olive A. Healy	2.00	
Warren E. McAvoy	9.00	
Packard's Soda Shoppe	22.38	
Anne T. Dunphy	8.80	
Donald Otis	5.00	
Frank Vayda	11.00	
	<hr/>	\$417.25

Athletics:

Maida Riggs	\$30.00
James McDonald	30.00
Mass. Headmaster's Association	10.00
Joseph O'Connor	14.00
Harold Myers	50.00
Northampton Sporting Goods Company	64.25
Mrs. Angelo Tonet	1.50
Charles MacDonald	60.00
Betty Lawson	7.50
Dorothy Bemis	7.50
Michael McKeon	4.50
O'Brien's Drug Store	7.50
Rita Benson	7.50
Raymond Boyer	10.00
Richard Purrington	2.76
T. A Purseglove Company	228.45
Smith's Agricultural School	36.00
National Schoolcrafters	8.08
Mrs. Chester Kmit	117.68
Ramon Sears	10.32
Thomas Crowe, M. D.	5.00
Earl F. Tonet	54.16
Gazette Printing Company	4.75
Sincage Printing Company	4.00
James Johnson	1.44
E. T. Woodbury	15.30
Frank Smith	25.38

Donald Baldwin	11.64
Colonial Cleaners	34.08
James Squires	21.00

 \$884.29

Classroom Supplies:

J. L. Hammett Company	779.95
Anne T. Dunphy	40.00
R. P. Alexander Company	89.48
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	6.77
Today's Secretary of Business	
Educational World	3.00
World Book Company	20.58
F. N. Graves & Son Inc.	1.00
Harlow & Fennessey	.70
Northampton Commercial College	3.00
Haskell & Gilbert	6.74
Cambosco Scientific Company	19.87
The Weavers	8.54
Ladd Visual Service	.49
Lorenz Publishing Company	4.24
C. F. Williams	1.47
Ditto Inc.	17.77
Reuel K. Rust	4.00
Arthur D. Baker	.50

 \$1,008.10

Lights:

Northampton Electric Lighting Co.	748.93
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 \$748.93

Office Expenses:

Gazette Printing Company	\$150.63
Daily Hampshire Gazette	44.75
American School Board Journal	3.00
J. L. Hammett Company	9.42
W. S. Smith, Postmaster	55.20
Ditto, Inc.	5.30

Haskell & Gilbert	10.50	
Sincage Printing	30.00	
Wright & Potter	5.30	
Cascade Paper Company	4.60	
Harlow & Fennessey	11.65	
Northampton Commercial College	1.50	
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		\$331.85

Tuition:

Smith's Agricultural School	\$4,232.43	\$4,232.43
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Insurance:

Damon Insurance Agency	\$953.38	\$953.38
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Transportation—Vocational:

Henry H. Snyder, Inc.	\$96.50	
Victor Ingellis	157.00	
Western Mass. Bus Lines	283.75	
Leon Burt	134.00	
Edward Crotty	55.50	
Nettie S. Graves	90.50	
Walter E. Kellogg, Jr.	248.50	
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		\$1,065.75

Total Expenditures from School Budget	<hr/>	\$87,059.88
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Rehabilitation Fund:

Repairs:

Bisbee Brothers, (new doors, Haydenville)	\$279.00
Myron F. Clark, (new doors, Haydenville)	152.00
Everon P. Pollen, (hot water, Haydenville)	300.00
H. L. Childs & Son, (painting exterior and auditorium, Haydenville)	1,960.50

Lawler, The Steeplejack, (Painting flagpoles, Haydenville and Williamsburg)	60.00	
Everon Pollen, (toilet seats)	69.00	
Everon Pollen, (wall drinking fountain, Williamsburg)	49.37	
Myron F. Clark, (repair walk, Williamsburg)	293.00	
T. H. Todd Company, (window shades, Haydenville)	252.00	
Foster-Farrar Company, (hedge- shears, Williamsburg)	73.51	
	<hr/>	\$3,488.38

New Equipment:

Cascade Paper Co., (classroom desks, tables, teachers desks and chairs)	\$1,122.88	
J. L. Hammett Co., (classroom desks and blackboards)	1,034.06	
Royal Typewriter Company, (two typewriters)	250.00	
Robert H. Nye, (wiring and fixtures)	419.60	
F. C. Taplan Company, (snowplow and chains)	394.00	
	<hr/>	\$3,220.54

Total committed from Rehabilitation Fund	<hr/>	\$6,708.92
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Trust Funds—Sanders Fund:

Janitors' Supplies	\$13.61	
Sundries	10.47	
Office Supplies	13.75	
Smith's School Transportation	44.25	
	<hr/>	\$82.08

Loomis Fund:

New Equipment	\$215.41	
Sundries	6.50	
Repairs	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$228.91

Collins Fund:

Transportation	\$15.00	
Smith's School Transportation	22.00	
Sundries	14.50	
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Total expenses for support of schools committed to Dec. 31, 1953	\$94,131.29
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Less commitments not cleared against Rehabilitation Fund by Dec. 31, 1953	1,242.09
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Net payments for support of schools Dec. 31, 1953	\$92,889.20
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Appropriations by Town Meeting	\$85,774.60
Appropriations to Rehabilitation Committee	8,793.48
Transfers from Trust Funds	362.49
Transferred by the Finance Committee January 12, 1954	1,285.28

\$96,215.85

Less expenditures	92,889.20
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Balance in Rehabilitation Fund Dec. 31, 1953	\$3,326.65
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Expenditure for support of Public Day Schools exclusive
of General Control for School Year ending June 30,
1953 (as per State report)

	1-8	8-12
Per pupil in average membership of		
Elementary 8-4 schools, Williamsburg	\$150.32	\$305.75
Towns less than 5,000 population main- taining High Schools our class, Group III	\$169.12	\$322.94

Books—High School:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts	\$37.75	
McGraw Hill Company	14.30	
McMurray Company	2.53	
Hewig Company	4.50	
National Education Association	1.57	
American Book Company	112.90	
South-Western Publishing Co.	77.76	
Benton Review	11.66	
Allyn & Bacon Company	72.13	
Ginn & Company	35.03	
Oxford Book Company	12.31	
Prentice Hall Company	6.54	
Follett Publishing Company	1.15	
Scott & Foresman Company	7.85	
		397.98

Books—Grades:

Ginn & Company	\$39.06
Scott Foresman Company	650.55
Boston Music Company	9.74
Iroquois Publishing Company	41.14
Lyons & Carnahan Company	43.43
Lorenz Publishing Company	38.46
Eldridge Publishing Company	12.61
The MacMillan Company	2.71

Century Press	7.17	
Houghton Mifflin Company	171.42	
The John C. Winston Company	21.80	
American Book Company	56.73	
J. B. Lippincott Company	46.87	
Row Peterson Company	40.44	
World Book Company	6.66	
Margaret E. Trainor	1.25	
Prentice Hall Company	3.92	
Expression Company	2.52	
University of Illinois	2.12	
C. E. Merrill Company	8.21	
D. C. Heath Company	20.15	
Follett Publishing Company	24.78	
American Book Company	4.17	
Vintage Press	2.15	
	<hr/>	\$1,258.06

New Equipment:

Baltzer Tree Service	\$36.90	
Arthur M. Condon	21.00	
Standard Duplicating Machine Co.	2.59	
Walter F. Tetro	21.90	
	<hr/>	\$82.39

Superintendent's Report

To the Members of the School Committee:

The annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith submitted. It is the thirty-third of the present series and the fifty-second since the formation of this school union. It is also the first report for the new Union No. 58.

An important change was made during the year when an historic chain of events caused the organization of a new school union. Easthampton withdrew from Union No. 20. Southampton and Westhampton then applied for admission into our union. At a meeting held April 25, 1953, the school committees of Williamsburg, Chesterfield, Worthington, Southampton, and Westhampton met at the Chesterfield Hotel where an excellent roast turkey dinner was provided by the Chesterfield Committee under the direction of the secretary, Mrs. Raymond Wisner. At the meetings which followed the dinner, the Union No. 43 committee invited Southampton and Westhampton to join with them in forming a new union of five towns. The invitation was accepted and the new union organized. Mr. Roswell Merritt of Chesterfield was elected chairman, and Mrs. Henriette Miller of Westhampton was elected secretary. Under new business the superintendent of schools was elected for three years. The meeting then adjourned.

Since these towns are not too different in size and have similar problems, this new district should be a benefit to all of them. We have already formed an elementary principals' committee from the six elementary schools.

This committee will work with the superintendent, and will consider first the social studies program. It will also review the whole grade program as well as study building and playground management. The recommendations of this committee should be of great benefit to the various school departments.

Another very important event of the school year was the final approval by the voters of a new elementary building. This building is planned for grades 1-6 and is to cost \$360,000. It will contain six classrooms, a cafeteria, and a gymnasium large enough for high school and community use. The request for a gymnasium is finally fulfilled after many years. This new building has been needed for a number of years and will be of great help in developing our changing program. It has been named the Anne T. Dunphy School in honor of our high school principal.

After much study and discussion the school department agreed that the best educational system for Williamsburg is the so-called 6-6 plan. This will divide the program into six elementary grades and six secondary grades. Eventually there will be a six-grade elementary school in each village and a junior-senior high school at Williamsburg. Under this plan all pupils in grades 7 through 12 will be enrolled in the high school building. The study of other six-year high schools indicates that an improved plan of secondary education can be offered through this six-year program.

During the year three new classrooms were opened in the elementary schools. The purpose in doing this was to eliminate, in so far as possible, classrooms with two grades, or with split grades. A new room was equipped at Haydenville and a teacher transferred to that school. We now have six rooms in operation there. Four of the teachers have single grades and two of them double

grades. The Helen E. James auditorium was divided into two more classrooms during the fall. Grade eight was moved from the high school section to the west room, and grade seven was assigned to the east room. Grade four was changed to the room in the basement where grade seven had been. Now all elementary teachers at Williamsburg have single grades, and another classroom has been made available for the work of the high school. Two new teachers have been employed in order to provide teaching service for the new classes. This single grade system should make for improved teaching in all grades.

A new teachers' salary schedule was adopted by the School Committee on December 2, 1953. The new schedule sets a new minimum of \$2500 a year and a new maximum salary of \$4700 per year. During this period of shortage of teachers, it should be of great help in securing competent and well-trained teachers for our schools. The complete schedule is printed on another page.

There were two teachers who left our service in June. Miss Nancy Carson who had taught English in High school gave up teaching for other work. Mr. Kenneth Wheeler, our science teacher, resigned and is now teaching in the eastern part of the state. To fill the English vacancy, Mrs. Fred L. Smith of Haydenville was appointed. Mrs. Smith is a graduate of Smith College and has had several years of teaching experience in Greenfield and other towns. Mr. Peter P. Ball of West Springfield was secured for the science position. Mr. Ball is a graduate of A.I.C. and is a science major.

Two new elementary teachers were added to our staff during the year. Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom of Haydenville was assigned to teach grade 2 in Williamsburg. This was to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mrs. Priscilla Kostek to Haydenville. Mrs. Ramstrom received her

bachelor's degree from Bridgewater State Teachers' College and has had experience in Chesterfield and Haydenville. When the new grade 4 was formed, Mrs. Eleanor Soden of Williamsburg was secured to teach that grade. Mrs. Soden is a graduate of Jamaica Training School in New York City, and has had experience in Long Island, Chesterfield and Haydenville. These teachers have done well in the work assigned to them and are excellent members of our faculty.

The organization of the high school in September was as follows: Principal, Anne T. Dunphy, two classes in Latin, one in civics and local history, and the work in guidance; Robert Branch, four classes in mathematics, two in U. S. History, audio-visual education; Peter P. Ball, six classes in science; Mrs. Lula Smith, five classes in English, one in speech, assembly programs; Mrs. Frances Grinnell, three classes in typewriting, one in shorthand, one in junior business, one in bookkeeping, and director of school publications; Earl Tonet, two in French, one in problems of democracy, world geography, world history, driver training, coach of boys' athletics; Olive Healy, one in chorus and one in orchestra. The coach of girls' basketball is Mrs. Evelyn Kmit.

There are three plans of study offered in the high school program. Students may select the college course, the general course or the commercial course. Pupils who are near the age when they may get their operator's licences are given a course in driver training. Audio-visual aids to education are used whenever possible. Activities which students may take part in are boys' and girls' athletics, glee club, orchestra, debating, school plays and school publications. The school operates on a one-session plan from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. each school day. The tuition rate for 1953-1954 is \$200 per year.

Both the boys' and girls' basketball teams are looking forward to having the new gymnasium to use for practice and games. Each team has worked hard and is playing fine basketball. Much credit is due the coaches, Mr. Tonet for the boys' team, and Mrs. Kmit for the girls' team, for the excellent training these teams have received. Thanks are extended to Smith's School for its help in providing a place for our games again this year.

The opening of two new classrooms at Williamsburg and one new one at Haydenville changed the grade assignments during the year. The final arrangements of classes were completed in November.

The Helen E. James School was organized as follows: Principal Mrs. Edith Foster, grade seven; Miss Martha Dickerman, grade 8; Miss Nelle Dolan, grade 6; Mrs. Margaret Breckenridge, grade 5; Mrs. Eleanor Soden, grade 4; Mrs. Dorothy Colburn, grade 3; Mrs. Gertrude Ramstrom, grade 2; and Mrs. Sophia Eaton, grade one.

The Haydenville School had the work arranged as follows: Miss Margaret Trainor, principal and grades 7 and 8; Mrs. Marion Hickey, grade 6; Mrs. Priscilla Kostek, grades 4 and 5; Mrs. Ruth Nash, grade 3; Mrs. Doris Tilley, grade 2; and Miss Mary Crampton, grade 1.

The supervisors of special subjects were Miss Olive Healy in music, Mr. Raymond Drew in drawing, and Mrs. Elizabeth Koss in penmanship.

The teachers serving this community are well trained for work they have to do. They are deeply interested in the successful development of each child who comes to them for instruction. The best of cooperation between the parent and the teacher is needed if the child's school experience is to be a successful one.

The work of the health department has been directed by Dr. Joseph Hobbs and Dr. Charles H. Wheeler as school physicians. Dr. Glade P. Hall has served as dentist, and Mrs. Barbara Swanda as school nurse. The usual examinations, eye and ear tests, and clinics have been completed. The health of the children is reported as good. The protection of the health of our children is necessary for their success in school.

The school committee has again provided vocational and trade training at Smith's School this year. Twenty-six pupils have been in attendance there and in the majority of cases are making satisfactory progress. The school committee pays tuition and furnishes transportation for those pupils who wish to take advantage of this training.

Maintaining clean and efficient school buildings is a never-ending task for our janitors. The continual traffic of many children entering and leaving each building several times a day necessitates sweeping and cleaning all the time. Added to this problem is the firing of coal-burning boilers which require the shovelling of 100 tons of coal in one building and about 45 tons in the other. Plans should be made to replace these boilers with oil-burning equipment as soon as it can be brought about. However, our janitors who are dependable and responsible men do an excellent job and deserve our appreciation.

Transportation has been furnished on the following routes: the North district, the Chesterfield Road, Haydenville and Mountain Street, South Street, and Nash Street. During the summer Mrs. Harold Smart was awarded the contract to carry the children on the Nash Street and South Street routes. Tickets are furnished to 26 Smith's School pupils who ride on the street railway buses. One hundred and thirty-nine pupils have been transported.

The local buses cover 75.6 miles per day. The good, safe service provided by our operators deserves our commendation.

For the administrative work of the superintendent of schools of this five-town union, the present office is too small to be efficient. It is hoped that the new office planned for in the new building will have adequate space and equipment for doing the important work required of a superintendent of schools. This office should be the best in the system.

Free public schools have through many years provided the spark that has made our nation the great democracy that it is today. The belief in equal opportunities for all has been brought to all children through our system of universal education. In this new year may we continue to work for more and better education for all of the children of this great country.

To teachers, parents, pupils and all others connected with the schools, I extend my sincere thanks for the loyal cooperation I have had during 1953.

My work with the members of the School Committee has been interesting and pleasant. May I extend to them my appreciation and thanks for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCIUS A. MERRITT,

Superintendent of Schools.

School Nurse

Mr. Lucius A. Merritt
Superintendent of Schools
Williamsburg, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The annual report of the school nurse is herewith submitted for January 1, 1953 through December 31, 1953.

Dr. Joseph Hobbs was assisted in physical examinations of all pupils in Williamsburg, and no defects were found.

Dr. Charles Wheeler was assisted in physical examinations of all pupils in Haydenville. One child was sent to the orthopedic clinic in Springfield. No other defects were found.

One child has been sent to a speech clinic and placed in a foster home. This was done with the aid of Mr. Barry of the Children's Aid Association. This child was also taught a few hours a week by Mrs. D. Clary Snow before going to the clinic.

Several pupils were found to have very poor lunches. With the cooperation of the teachers and Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C., I was able to establish some improvement. The lunches of all children are checked during the year by myself.

All children were tested in Haydenville with the audiometer. Several defects were found and these have all had treatment. All the Williamsburg pupils were tested with the audiometer and found to be all right.

Vision-testing was done on the pupils in grades 1, 5, 6, and 7. Eight children were retested and found to have defects. After notices were sent to the parents, these defects were corrected either with glasses or by removing glasses where proper correction had been made.

Pupils of grades 1 and 2 and some of the older ones were vision-tested in Haydenville. Several were retested and nine slips were sent home. These children have had examinations by optometrists and most of them are wearing glasses.

It is my hope that some group in either town will purchase a Massachusetts vision-testing machine for the schools of Williamsburg. If we own such a machine, it will be possible to give the eye tests early in September of each school year. This early test is very important to children who might need glasses in order to do their school work. Under the present system, the machine is borrowed from the State Health Department, and because they own only a few machines we have to wait until late in the year to get one to use. Since this test is rather complicated and takes considerable time, it would be a great help in our work if we had a machine available at all times.

Six children were taken to the County Sanitorium in Leeds to be X-rayed.

Four boys and four girls were sent to Camp Hodgkins where they all seemed to gain weight.

All children in both schools were weighed and measured.

Several cases of mumps were reported in Haydenville and Williamsburg.

Several children were treated for minor cuts and bruises in both towns. One child was treated in Dr. Wheeler's office.

The Mothers' Club of Williamsburg graciously donated milk for one family from March 26th until school closed in June. Now the children carry milk through the efforts of Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C.

Dr. Glade Hall, the dentist, is again working in Williamsburg. To December 31, 1953, he had completed 82 operations.

Dr. Charles Wheeler held an immunization clinic in Haydenville. This was for both pre-school and school children. Many of the older children received their booster shot.

Dr. Joseph Hobbs also held an immunization clinic in Williamsburg. This was well attended by both pre-school and school children.

At each school visit, a conference was held with each teacher.

Miss Welch, State Nursing Supervisor from Amherst, has visited me several times. She has been most helpful, especially in the revision of the monthly report sheet. It is my regret that she has been transferred to Boston.

Many conferences were held with Miss Harris of the S.P.C.C.

One child in Williamsburg received treatment from Dr. Hobbs in his office.

Many home visits were made and most of the parents were very cooperative.

Several children from Williamsburg were taken home because of illness.

During the months of October and November, I spent four Tuesdays in Springfield attending classes on cerebral palsy. These were most interesting and proved very helpful.

During December I attended classes on rheumatic heart disease. This also was most interesting and instructive.

I wish to thank all teachers, Mr. Merritt, Miss Harris, and Mr. Barry for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA W. SWANDA,

School Nurse.

School Physician

Mr. Lucius A. Merritt,
Superintendent of Schools,
Williamsburg, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

A "Booster" clinic for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Whooping cough was conducted in April and May of the current year, with the assistance of Mrs. Barbara B. Swanda, R.N., school nurse and Mrs. Mabel Shumway, R.N., visiting nurse. The response and co-operation of the parents for this project was gratifying and a large number of pupils received the prophylactic treatment for the above named diseases.

The annual physical examinations were completed early in the school year, Mrs. Swanda, R.N., assisting. The improved physical appearance of several pupils who enjoyed the advantages of summer camp testified to the wisdom of this type of treatment. Several pupils were referred to Dr. Frederic W. Goodhue for chest x-rays.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. WHEELER, M.D.,

School Physician.

Visiting Nurse

To the Selectmen, Town of Williamsburg.

The Visiting Nurse, Mrs. Mabel Shumway reports that a total of 422 calls were made this year.

276 children received booster shots and triple typhoid immunization.

The Annual Well Child Clinic was held June 16th and 17th in Williamsburg and on June 23rd and 24th in Haydenville with Dr. Stephen Brown as pediatrician and Mrs. James Schoonmaker, nutritionist. 118 children were examined.

Two more hospital beds and a polio pack were donated to the association. Anyone desiring to use any of the equipment of the organization may call the nurse, Mrs. Shumway.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN E. HEMENWAY,

Secretary.

